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SUBJECT: 33RD SESSION HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC)

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1. WEO MEMBERS MET JANUARY 20 AT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY
U.S. TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATING TO 33RD SESSION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION
PROCEEDED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2. BUREAU MEETING - FRANCE WILL BE FORWARDING A NOTE

TO THE HRD REQUESTING THAT FRENCH ALTERNATE AT THE 32ND HRC SESSION (RENE GROS) REPLACE THE LATE PIERRE JUVIGNY AT BUREAU MEETINGS. AS DISCUSSED IN REF C, SCHREIBER BELIEVES THIS PROCEDURE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO BENITES. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION THAT ERMACORA (AUSTRIA) BE SELECTED IF, FOR SOME REASON, GROS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE, BUT IT WAS OPINION OF GROUP SUCH A STEP SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL A DECISION IS MADE ON FRENCH ACTION.

3. SINCE MME BALOUS (FRENCH MISSION) WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE LUNCHEON, SHE VISITED MISSION AND REPORTED THAT SHE HAD SPOKEN WITH THE ARGENTINE PERMANENT REP WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP. HE ASSURED BALOUS OF THAT REGION'S SUPPORT.

4. RESOLUTION 1503 - THE FRG AND CANADIAN MEMBERS INTRODUCED SUBJECT OF 1503 AND SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS WANTED RESOLUTION STRENGTHENED. FRG (HILLGENBERG) MEMBER ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT RES 728 DISCUSSED IN REF D. (AT END OF MEETING, HILLGENBERG GAVE MISOFF A PAPER PREPARED BY A STAFF MEMBER OF HRD. IT IS AN ANALYSIS OF WHY RES 1503 SHOULD REMAIN IN FORCE. SOURCE OF THIS PAPER SHOULD REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. DOCUMENT WAS POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT JAN. 21.) BOTH CANADIAN AND FRG SUGGESTED THAT WEO'S BEGIN EARLY DURING 33RD SESSION TO GET AS MUCH THIRD WORLD SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE FOR ANY STRENGTHENING OF RES 1503. (MEMBERS STRESSED NEED FOR THIRD WORLD SUPPORT THROUGHOUT MEETING AND SUGGESTED LOBBYING BEGIN FEB. 7.)
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5. CANADIANS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING INTRODUCING, DURING THE 33RD SESSION, A SET OF PROCEDURES OR STANDARDS FOR ALL AD HOC WORKING GROUPS. FOLLOWING THE WEO MEETING, IDEA MAY BE DEFERRED FOR A LATER SESSION. WHILE MOST MEMBERS AGREED THAT GUIDELINES WERE IMPORTANT, THEY FELT THAT SOVIET AMENDMENTS AND DELETIONS WOULD RENDER ANY RULES WORTHLESS. INSTEAD, THE NETHERLANDS' MEMBER PROPOSED THAT THE RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE CHILE AD HOC MEMBER BE USED AS A MODEL FOR DRAFTING ANY GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE WORKING GROUPS.

6. FRANK CHANDLER (CANADA) WAS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE THE FIRST WEO MEETING ON FEBRUARY 7. SEVERAL EC9 MEMBERS PREFERRED NOT HAVING UK REP COORDINATE MEETINGS BECAUSE OF THE CONFUSION WHICH COULD RESULT BETWEEN WEO AND THE NINE'S MEETINGS. IT APPEARS FROM REF E THAT THE NY NINE FORESEE NO CONFLICT.

7. AGENDA ITEMS - 33RD SESSION HRC - ITEM 5 - CHILE -
CANADIAN REP OFFERED OPINION THAT CHILE ISSUE MIGHT BE
DOWN-PLAYED BY SOVIETS BECAUSE OF THE RECENT EXCHANGE
OF PRISONERS. CHANDLER SPECULATED THAT USSR MIGHT
PREFER NOT HAVING THEIR PROBLEMS WITH DISSIDENTS DIS-
CUSSED IN AN OPEN FORUM. IF THIS THEORY PROVES CORRECT
A RESOLUTION ON CHILE, Milder than those in past, might
be adopted.

8. ITEM 6(B) SOUTH AFRICA - MEMBERS EXPECT STRONG
ATTACKS ON US, FRANCE, FRG AND THE UK. STRONG REBUTTALS
WERE RECOMMENDED.

9. ITEM 11 - CANADA IS CONSIDERING THE INTRODUCTION
OF SOME KIND OF POLICING MECHANISM FOR THE DECLARATION
ON TORTURE. NO DETAILS FROM OTTAWA WERE AVAILABLE
DURING WEO MEETING.
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10. TWO ISSUES NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE 33RD
HRC SESSION WERE RAISED BY AUSTRALIAN (BURDEKIN)
MEMBER. THE FIRST ABOUT THE DIRECTORSHIP OF HRD.
BOTH CANADA AND THE NETHERLANDS SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS
PLAN TO "GO TO THE WALL FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CANDIDATES."
THE ITALIAN MEMBER WAS SILENT. BURDEKIN'S SECOND
QUESTION CONCERNED SUBMITTING AN AGREED UPON SLATE TO
ECOSOC FOR ELECTIONS TO THE HRC. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS,
ALL CANDIDATES WERE NON-COMMITTAL.

11. IN SECOND CONVERSATION WITH HRD STAFF REGARDING
CHAIRMAN OF THE 33RD SESSION, MISOFF WAS TOLD THAT
YUGOSLAV DEL BOZOVIC WILL BE ELECTED. NO MENTION
WAS MADE OF BULGARIAN REP DISCUSSED IN REF E.

12. THE FOLLOWING WEO'S WERE REPRESENTED AT MEETING
JANUARY 20: AUSTRIA, CANADA, GERMANY, ITALY, UK,
AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, GREECE, THE
NETHERLANDS, NEW ZELAND, SWEDEN, PORTUGAL AND NORWAY.
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